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1. ATMOSPHERICS:

--IT WAS HAPPY WEEK FOR ROC MEDIA COMMENTATORS, GOVERNMENT INFORMATIONAL OFFICIALS AND OTHERS WHO HAVE BEEN ASSIDUOUSLY GRASPING FOR ANY AND ALL SIGNS OF REASSURANCE FROM U.S. AMID GRUMBLING SECRETARY KISSINGER AVOIDED EMPLOYING TERM "REPUBLIC OF CHINA" AND PRESIDENT FORD COMPLETELY IGNORED TAIWAN IN STATE OF WORLD ADDRESS, LOCAL OBSERVERS HAD, NEVERTHELESS, NOTED REASSURING VISIT OF VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER PLUS VARIOUS REMARKS BY SENATORS GOLDWATER, FONG, HELMS, SPARKMAN AND OTHERS.

--THEN CAME SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S MAY 1 PRESS CONFERENCE REMARK THAT "FORMOSA IS PART OF ISLAND CHAIN OFF THE COAST OF ASIA THAT IS DEFENSIBLE. WE HAVE TREATY OBLIGATIONS
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WITH TAIWAN..." BUT PARTICULARLY PULSE-QUICKENING WAS PRESIDENT FORD'S MAY 6 NEWS CONFERENCE REMARKS STATING HIS AIM TO "TIE MORE CLOSELY TOGETHER SOUTH KOREA WITH THE UNITED STATES, TO REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENTS TO TAIWAN,

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TO WORK MORE CLOSELY WITH INDONESIA, WITH THE PHILIPPINES
AND WITH OTHER PACIFIC NATIONS."

--EDITORIAL WRITERS APPARENTLY NOT IMMEDIATELY SURE WHAT
TO MAKE OF ALL THIS BUT GOOD NEWS WAS ON THE FRONT PAGES
OF ALL PAPERS MAY 8 AND WELL-REPORTED BY TELEVISION AND
RADIO STATIONS, ALONG WITH A CNA-WASHINGTON REPORT POINTING
OUT PRESIDENT FORD DIDN'T MENTION PEKING IN MAY 6 NEWS
CONFERENCE. UPI-TAIPEI QUOTED AN UNNAMED "HIGH RANKING
OFFICIAL" AS WELCOMING "TIMELY REASSURANCE" AND SUGGESTING
PRESIDENT FORD CANCEL HIS PEKING TRIP AS "TOTALLY
UNNECESSARY AND UNMEANINGFUL." HOWEVER, LOCAL MEDIA DID
NOT CARRY THIS COMMENT. (FOR FURTHER DETAILS SEE TAIPEI
REACTION REPORTS 2350 OF MAY 1, 2383 OF MAY 2, 2402 OF
MAY 2 AND 2439 OF MAY 5.)

2. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

--USIS TAIPEI COMBINED ART CATALOGS AND BROCHURES SENT
BY ICS OVER PAST TWO YEARS INTO ATTRACTIVE EXHIBIT WHICH
RAN IN LINCOLN CENTER APRIL 25-MAY 4. EXHIBIT PROVED MORE
POPULAR THAN ANTICIPATED ATTRACTING ESTIMATED 1,200 VIEWERS.
MOREOVER, SEVERAL ART SCHOOLS REQUESTED EXHIBIT SHOWINGS ON
THEIR CAMPUSES AS EXAMPLE OF U.S. LEADERSHIP IN GRAPHIC
DESIGN. IN CONJUNCTION WITH EXHIBIT, POST ORGANIZED LECTURE
SERIES "MODERN PAINTING IN THE WEST" FEATURING NOTED U.S.-
TRAINED LOCAL ART CRITIC KOO HSIEN-LIANG WHO ILLUSTRATED
REMARKS ON PIONEERING MODERN EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN PAINTERS
WITH EXTENSIVE SLIDES OF NEW YORK MUSEUM MODERN ART COLLECTION.
FIRST TWO LECTURES OF THREE-PART SERIES HELD APRIL 25 AND
MAY 2 AND DREW SRO AUDIENCES OF OVER 250 EACH.

--CPAO CONFERRED WITH COMMERCE DEPARTMENT'S BUREAU OF
INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE COUNTRY MARKETING MANAGER IRVIN W.
LLOYD ON FY-76 COUNTRY COMMERCIAL PROGRAM AND USIS SUPPORT.
ANTICIPATE NO PROBLEMS IN ONGOING POST MEDIA AND OTHER
ASSISTANCE AT ESTABLISHED LEVEL, BUT COMMERCE SEEKING VTR
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COVERAGE TWO PROGRAMS, ONE NOVEMBER SEMINAR AND ONE APRIL
1976 EXHIBITION. SEEKING COST ESTIMATES AND CONTRACT
FEASIBILITY PRIOR FURTHER CONTACT WITH AGENCY ON MODES OF
SUPPORT.

--IN FOURTH LECTURE USIS TAIPEI SERIES ON TRANSCENDENTALISM
IN AMERICAN LITERATURE, NATIONAL TAIWAN UNIVERSITY LITERATURE
PROFESSOR AND FORMER FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR RUDOLPH CHU SPOKE ON
"HENRY THOREAU AND HIS VIEWS ON THE RENEWAL OF LIFE" BEFORE
LINCOLN CENTER AUDIENCE OF 150. SAME LECTURE SERIES BEING
SCHEDULED KAOHSIUNG NORMAL COLLEGE, WITH FIRST KAOHSIUNG
LECTURE DRAWING 230 STUDENTS, FACULTY HEAR PROFESSOR CHEN
YUAN-YIN OF TAMKING COLLEGE DISCUSS EMERSON.

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--PAO APRIL 10 LUNCHEON TALK AT TAIPEI CENTRAL ROTARY DREW FOLLOW-UP WHEN CLUB ASKED FOR SHOWING "MARS, THE SEARCH BEGINS" FOR MAY 8 LUNCHEON. "MARS, THE SEARCH BEGINS" HAS BEEN CONSISTENTLY SUCCESSFUL WITH HIGH LEVEL AUDIENCES INTERESTED U.S. SCIENCE ACHIEVEMENTS.

--1973 IV GRANTEE JIMMY YANG (YANG HSUN-TANG) MAY 5 WROTE IN HIS WEEKLY COLUMN IN UNITED DAILY NEWS THAT FROM WHAT HE READ IN SECRETARY KISSINGER'S BOOK ON "AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY" (NORTON 1974), HE CONVINCED KISSINGER IS NOT HALF-SCHOLAR ON INDOCHINA QUESTION, NOR DOES HE FAIL TO UNDERSTAND COMMUNIST INTRIGUES. BUT YANG REGRETTED KISSINGER MADE TWO GREAT MISTAKES: (1) HIS MIXING OF PERSONAL DIPLO-MACY WITH SECRET DIPLOMACY; IF PARIS ACCORDS HAD BEEN FULLY DISCLOSED ALONG WITH PRESIDENT NIXON'S LETTER COMMITMENTS TO PRESIDENT THIEU, A COMMUNIST TAKEOVER OF SOUTH VIETNAM COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED, AND (2) U.S. SHOULD NOT HAVE LEFT A HELPLESS SOUTH VIETNAM IN THE HANDS OF THE COMMUNIST BUTCHERS SINCE KISSINGER REALIZED BEFOREHAND (IN HIS BOOK) THAT A POLITICAL SYSTEM COULD NOT BE ESTABLISHED IN SOUTH VIETNAM TO FACE COMMUNIST MILITARY OFFENSES FOLLOWING AN AMERICAN WITHDRAWAL. YANG SAID IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR KISSINGER TO STEP DOWN TO RESUME HIS READING AND WRITING. YANG BORROWED BOOK FROM USIS TAIPEI LIBRARY IN RESPONSE "FOCUS", NEW ACQUISTIONS NEWSLETTER SENT ALL PRIMARY AUDIENCE MEMBERS.

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--POST COMPLETED TRANSLATION, EDITING AND ART WORK FOR CHINESE VERSION OF "A WORLD ELFJWHERE: THE NEW AMERCVAN FOREIGN POLICY" BY JAMES CHACE AND SENT IT TO RSC MANILA FOR PRINTING 3,000 COMMERCIAL DISTRIBUTION COPIES.

--USIS TAIPEI HELD LATEST OF REGULAR TWICE-YEARLY SEMINARS ON MAKING AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY FOR 13 STUDENT LEADERS AT SHIH MEN DAM RECREATION AREA NEAR TAIPEI. TWO-DAY PROGRAM INCLUDED LECTURES, DISCUSSIONS, FILMS AND ROLE-PLAYING SESSION DESIGNED TO EXPLAIN COMPLEXITIES OF POLICY-MAKING PROCESS. PROGRAM ONCE AGAIN POINTED UP LACK OF UP-TO-DATE FILM EXPLAINING POLICYMAKING PROCESS SUITABLE TO SUPPORT DISCUSSION PROGRAM (VTR DISCUSSION-TYPE PROGRAM NOT SUITABLE SINCE AUDIENCE ALREADY SURFEITED WITH HOURS OF LIVE DISCUSSION; POST FORCED TO FALL BACK ONCE AGAIN ON STATE DEPARTMENT FILM "FROM WHERE I SIT" AND CBS-TV PRODUCTION "PROFILE OF HENRY KISSINGER," BOTH FIVE YEARS OLD).

TIMING OF SEMINAR IMMEDIATELY IN WAKE OF VIETNAM WITHDRAWAL OFFERED UNUSUALLY GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR LENGTHY INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH GROUP OF BRIGHT, ARTICULATE STUDENT

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LEADERS ON AMERICAN POLICY IN ASIA. DISCUSSIONS REVEALED
FOLLOWING ATTITUDES AND OPINIONS WHICH SEEMED TO BE SHARED
BY MOST IF NOT ALL OF GROUP: 1) DOMINO THEORY HAS BEEN
PROVEN CORRECT; 2) VIETNAM DEBACLE WAS CAUSED IN
LARGE PART BY EFFORTS TOWARD DETENTE WITH COMMUNIST WORLD;
3) AT END OF THE WAR AMERICA ABANDONED AN ALLY, SO OTHER
ALLIES SHOULD BE WARY OF DEPENDING UPON AMERICAN COMMITMENTS
AND SHOULD SEEK TO ESTABLISH SELF-RELIANCE TO EXTENT POSSIBLE.
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